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SUBJECT: ILO: 1974 CONFERENCE RESOLUTION CONDEMNING ISRAEL

REF: A) TRIPOLI 299; B) GENEVA 2740; C) LIBREVILLE 464; D) DAMASCUS 1
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PASS LABOR FOR SEGALL, PERSONS AND QUACKENBUSH

1. SUMMARY. BLANCHARD SAID HE DOES NOT BELIEVE ARABS WILL SEEK
EXPULSION OF ISRAEL AT JUNE CONFERENCE OF ILO. HE ALSO ALLUDED
TO COOLING OF AFRICAN SUPPORT FOR ARABS. END SUMMARY.

2. DESPITE DISQUIETING STATEMENT URGING EXPULSION OF ISRAEL
FROM ILO BY ARAB EMPLOYER AT MARCH MEETING OF ARAB LABOR
ORGANIZATION (REF A) BLANCHARD SAID HE FEELS CALM CONSTITUTIONALISTS
AMONG ARABS WILL PREVAIL IN JUNE (REF B). BLANCHARD THEN ALLUEDED TO
DETERIORATION IN ARAB-BLACK AFRICAN RELATIONS. HE SAID TRIPOLI
MEETING IN MARCH OF TRIPARTITE ARAB LABOR ORGANIZATION PASSED
RESOLUTION TO END MIGRATION TO SOUTH AFRICA AND ISRAEL.

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SIMILAR RESOLUTION WAS INTRODUCED AT AFRICAN LABOR

MINISTERS CONFERENCE IN LIBREVILLE (WHICH ENDED MARCH 29 SEE REF C) BUT AFRICANS DECLINED TO ACCEPT THE REFERENCE TO ISRAEL. BLANCHARD ALSO NOTED ARTICLE IN CAIRO PRESS APRIL 3 WHICH CALLED FOR HALT TO ISRAELI "INFILTRATION OF AFRICAN LABOR MOVEMENT."

3. BLANCHARD SAID HIS REPORT TO MAY SESSION OF ILO GOVERNING BODY WOULD BE "VERY THIN" AND HE ANTICIPATED ANSWERING CRITICISM BY SAYING HE WOULD GIVE FULL REPORT IN NOVEMBER. HE REPEATED THAT HE EXPECTS ISRAELIS TO SEND DOCUMENTATION (PARA 2 REF B). HE ALSO SAID HE WOULD HAVE TO REPLY TO SYRIAN LETTER (REF D).

4. COMMENT: LOSS OF AFRICAN SUPPORT WOULD NOT ONLY LESSEN CHANCES OF EXPELLING ISRAEL BUT MIGHT WELL AFFECT ARAB FORTUNES ON OTHER ISSUES AT THE ILO, INCLUDING STATUS.DALE

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